

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
Chapter 143: DENTAL PROFESSIONS

§18322. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership; terms; removal. The board consists of 9 members appointed by the Governor as follows:

A. Five dentists. Each dentist member must hold a valid dental license under this chapter and must have been in the actual practice of dentistry in this State for at least 10 years immediately preceding appointment. A dentist is not eligible to serve as a member of the board while employing a dental hygienist or a denturist who is a member of the board; [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

B. Two dental hygienists. Each dental hygienist member must hold a valid dental hygiene license under this chapter and must have practiced in the State for at least 6 years immediately preceding appointment. A dental hygienist is not eligible to serve as a member of the board while employed by a dentist who is a member of the board; [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

C. One denturist. The denturist member must hold a valid denturist license under this chapter and must have practiced in the State for at least 6 years immediately preceding appointment. A denturist is not eligible to serve as a member of the board while employed by a dentist who is a member of the board; and [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

D. One public member. The public member must be a person who has no financial interest in the dental profession and has never been licensed, certified or given a permit in this or any other state for the dental profession. [2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).]

The Governor may accept nominations from professional associations and from other organizations and individuals. A member of the board must be a legal resident of the State. A person who has been convicted of a violation of the provisions of this Act or any prior dental practice act, or who has been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year's imprisonment, is not eligible for appointment to the board. Appointments of members must comply with Title 10, section 8009.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

2. Terms. Terms of the members of the board are for 5 years. A person who has served 10 years or more on a dental examining board in this State is not eligible for appointment to the board. A member may be removed by the Governor for cause.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

3. Quorum; chair; vice-chair. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a majority of the members serving on the board constitutes a quorum. The board shall elect its chair and vice-chair annually.

[2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2015, c. 429, §21 (NEW).

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